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SUBJECT: JANUARY 12 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. SECSTATE-DESIGNATE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

CYRUS VANCE TOLD SFRC NOW BELIEVES WAS MISTAKE TO INTER-
VENE IN VN, ERROR TO PROP UP SERIES REGIMES THAT LACKED
POPULAR SUPPORT (MARDER, WP). STATEMENT ON VN CAME
DURING 3-HR SESSION DURING WHICH VANCE SOUGHT ALLAY
SENATORS' CONCERN ON NUMBER SUBJECTS BUT REFUSED AGREE
TONKIN GULF INCIDENTS "FABRICATED." IN PERIOD BETW
INAUGURATION/CONFIRMATION, HABIB WILL BE ACTING SECSTATE
(GWERTZMAN, NYT). SECDEF-DESIGNATE BROWN ALSO ACKNOW-
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LEDGED VN INTERVENTION WAS MISTAKE (ANTEVIL/CARTER, NYDN).
VANCE HOPES QUESTION VN ADMISSION TO UN WOULD NOT ARISE
AGAIN UNTIL US-VN RELS IMPROVED (TREWHITT, SUN).

SECSTATE-DESIGNATE SEES POSSIBILITY STRONG CONDEMNATION BY
US IS SK BRIBE ALLEGATIONS TRUE, BUT DOES NOT THINK WOULD
AFFECT US OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECURITY TREATY (SCHMIDT/

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SOUTHERLAND, CSM). SAID WOULD NOT RECOMMEND REDUCTION US FORCES/NUKES IN WEUR/SK W/O CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONS CONCERNED; ADDED EVENTUAL REDUCTION US FORCES IN SK DESIRABLE BUT CARE NECESSARY PROTECT KOREA/AVOID

SETTING OFF STRATEGIC CONCERN IN JAPAN. VANCE FAVORS CONTINUED STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZATION RELS W/PRC, BUT WOULD TAKE "SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF CHINA" W/REGARD TO TAIWAN INTO ACCOUNT (TREWHITT, SUN).

2. INDOCHINA

IMF GRANTS VN 36 MILLION DOL LOAN TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS EXPORT EARNINGS DUE WAR DAMAGE. LOAN APPROVED DESPITE US RESERVATIONS (AP,WP). US RAISED NO OBJECTIONS, BUT QUESTIONED TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF LOAN (SUN; FARNSWORTH, NYT).

3. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

RTG/GOM FORCES PLAN BIG JOINT OPN VS COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN S THAILAND, ACCORDING DIPL SOURCES (REUTER BANGKOK).

4. BURMA

ARMY CAPT SENTENCED DEATH FOR MASTERMINDING PLOT KILL NE WIN/SEIZE POWER. FIVE OTHERS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCES RANGING FROM 5 YRS TO LIFE. GEN TIN OO GIVEN 7 YRS FOR FAILING DISCLOSE KNOWLEDGE OF PLOT (REUTER RANGOON).
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5. JAPAN

IN TESTIMONY BEFORE ITC, ZENITH BOARD CHRMN SAYS ECON CONDITIONS IN US' TV INDUSTRY SO CRITICAL AS TO MAKE IM-MEDIATE RELIEF NECESSARY. ASKS FOR TEMPORARY QUOTAS ON TVS UNTIL ALLEGATIONS UNFAIR/ILLEGAL BUSINESS PRACTICES AGAINST JAPANESE FIRMS INVESTIGATED (CHITRIB). ITC WED BEGAN HEARINGS INTO LABOR-INDUSTRY PETITION FOR QUOTAS (UPI, WP). WITNESSES NOTED COLOR TV IMPORTS SURGED FROM 16 PCT MARKET SHARE IN EARLY '75 TO OVER 40 PCT BY END '76. INDUSTRY ECON CONSULTANT SAID IF IMPORTS CONTINUE AT CURRENT RATE, COLOR TV INDUSTRY WILL FACE "COMPLETE COLLAPSE" (JOC).

JAPANESE MFRS SAY '76 COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US NEARLY 60 PCT ENTIRE ANNUAL EXPORT FIGURE. EXPORTS TO US LIKELY BE DOWN 10-20 PCT '77, AS JAPANESE MFRS PLAN INCREASE PRODUCTION INSIDE US IN ORDER ELIMINATE COMPLAINTS FROM

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US TV INDUSTRY (CULLISON, JOC).

ECON UNDER SEC-DESIGNATE COOPER EXTENDS GREETINGS FROM CARTER TO FUKUDA AT DINNER PM HOSTED FOR TRILATERAL COM-MISSION MEMBERS. DESPITE CRITICISM JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS, COOPER FORESEES NO "PROTECTIONIST REACTIONS AGAINST ANY NATION" (UPI, JOC; WP).

APAN FON TRADE COUNCIL PREDICTS FY'77 EXPORTS, ON CUS-TOMS CLEARANCE BASIS, WILL TOTAL 77.2 BIL DOLS--14.4 PCT INCREASE OVER CURRENT FIGURE (JOC).

JAPAN'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 1.99 PCT, DOWN FROM OCT'S 2.01 PCT; DEC'S WHOLESALE PRICES UP 6.1 PCT OVER LAST YR (WP).

TREASURY CLEARS JAPANESE EXPORTERS FULLY AUTOMATIC DIGITAL SCALES OF DUMPING CHARGES (JOC).
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PROFIT TAKING/INVESTOR CONCERNS CAUSE TOKYO STOCK PRICES PLUNGE 71.2 PTS 1/11, MARKING SHARPEST 1-DAY LOSS IN 18 MONTHS (WSJ).

6. KOREA

PARK SAYS US MIL PRESENCE COULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM SK IF NK SIGNED MUTUAL NONAGGRESSION PACT 1ST PROPOSED BY HIM 3 YRS AGO. PARK ALSO OFFERED FOOD AID TO NK ON "PURELY HUMANITARIAN BASIS" W/O POL CONSIDERATIONS (REUTER SEOUL).

GLOBE CARRIES SAAR STORY (WP) RE IMPACT BRIBERY SCANDAL ON US-SK RELS/SK DOMESTIC SITUATION. REPORTS "DIPLOMATIC TRUCE" ENDING 10 WKS OPEN HOSTILITY BETW US-SK "SHAKY, BUT HOLDING." DOMESTICALLY, SK POLITICS AFFECTED BY SCANDAL OFFERING OPPOSITION FORCES ISSUE THEY FIND MORALLY TROUB-LING/CAPABLE OF EXPLOITATION.

RE CONNECTION W/KOREAN LOBBY GROUP, REP ZABLOCKI SAYS WAS NEVER "OFFERED A DIME," HAS NEVER BEEN TO TUNGSON PARK'S MANSION, "NEVER RECEIVED A NICKEL" FROM ANY FON INTER-EST. CONCEDES HAS BEEN TO SK MANY TIMES, BUT ALWAYS AT USG EXPENSE (SARRO, WSTAR).

7. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

NZ'S INSTITUTE ECON RESEARCH PREDICTS COUNTRY'S PRESENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES LIKELY PERSIST THRU NEXT 2 YRS; ESTIMATES 7 PCT DECLINE MEAT EXPORTS/7 PCT DROP WOOL EXPORTS. MULDOON BRANDED REPORT "TOO PESSIMISTIC."

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WSTAR (1/11) CARRIES UPI FOTO 1/17 "TIME" MAG COVER DE-
PICTING AUSSIE PUBLISHER MURDOCH AS KING KONG ASTRIDE
NYC'S TWIN TOWERS, HOLDING NY "POST" IN ONE HAND, "NEW
YORK" MAG/ITS EDITOR IN OTHER.
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8. CHINA

PEKING MAYOR WE TEH/GARRISON CMDR CHEN HSI-LIEN STILL AT
POSTS DESPITE BEING ATTACKED IN WALL POSTERS (REUTER
PEKING). NEW PEKING POSTERS DEMAND TENG HSIAO-PING BE
REHABILITATED; SOME CALL FOR HIM BE NAMED PREMIER, SAY
CHIANG CHING GROUP ENGINEERED REMOVAL (REUTER, NYT). MAO
NIECE, WANG HAI-JUNG, UNDER ATTACK IN WALL POSTER
CAMPAIGN; VICE FORMIN CRITICISM COMES AS SURPRISE SINCE
CONSIDERED MEMBER "CHOU GROUP" (UPI, WSTAR 1/11).

LIBERIA SENDS 15-MAN GOODWILL MISSION TO PEKING, HEADED
BY PRES TOLBERT'S SON (AFP,WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

WSTAR (1/11) NOTES CARTER'S PROBABLE OBJECTIVES IN
MONDALE TRIP INCLUDE SHOWING MAJOR OVERSEAS ALLIES/
TRADING PARTNERS THAT THEY/THEIR ECON CONCERNS RANK VERY
HIGH IN ADMIN'S FOPOL THINKING. BELIEVES VISIT MUCH MORE
MEANINGFUL THAN CEREMONIAL TRIPS PAST VPS, WHO SENT "TO
SUCH EVENTS AS HIPPOPOTAMUS MATINGS IN AFRICA."

10. INDOCHINA

CHMN CLERGY & LAITY CONCERNED WRITES TO WP TO CRITICIZE
US OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD VN. STATES US VISITORS TO
VN REPORT "AMAZING RECONCILIATION" BETW OPPOSITE SIDES,
ABSENCE PREDICTED BLOOD-BATH. READER ROMJUE ALSO WRITES
WP, NOTES YESTERYEAR'S DOVES SQUAWK AT HANOI; SEES
CLASSIC FULL-CIRCLE CASE OF LIBERAL-LEFT INCAPACITY
GRASP FACT LENINISM OCCUPIES ALIEN MORAL UNIVERSE.
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11. CHINA

MUNRO (CSM) SEES CONFUSION DEEPENING IN PRC AS SLOGANS/ POSTERS ATTACK MORE KEY OFFICIALS/CALL FOR RETURN TO OFFICE OF TENG. NOTES NON-APPEARANCE TOP CP LEADERS IN PUBLIC FOR 6 DAYS, OPINES MAY MEAN EMBROILED IN IMPORT-ANT POL MTGS. BELIEVES CAMPAIGN REHABILITATE TENG IS POL EMBARRASSMENT FOR HUA. REPORTS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHICH "RIGHT-HAND" GROUPS BEHIND POSTER CAMPAIGN, WHAT AIM IS.

MATHEWS (WP) THINKS "SURPRISINGLY UNRESTRAINED" PUBLIC DEMANDS REHABILITATE TENG/CHANGE LINE-UP ARE MAJOR CRISIS FOR HUA ADMIN. FORESEES PRC RETURNING TO POL CONFUSION/ PRODUCTION DELAYS OF PAST YR IF LEADERSHIP DEBATE NOT RESOLVED SOON. OPINES SOME POSTERS MAY BE WORK CHIANG CHING'S FORMER ASSOCIATES TRYING SIDETRACK PURGE AIMED AT THEM.

TEACHER CHIH-PENG YIN WRITES TO NYT ON CHINA DEBATE. STATES TAIWAN IS INTEGRAL PART CHINA, W/PROBLEM CAUSED BY INTERFERENCE USG IN CHINESE POLITICS. ADVOCATES SUPPORT FOR SEN MANSFIELD'S ADVICE TO NORMALIZE RELS IF US SINCERE/SERIOUS IN ACHIEVING SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE GOAL.
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